Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 24 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 25 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 24 Mar 2021 at 03:21 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a showery few days and for brief period of much colder weather on Friday. Lower confidence on day to day shower details.

Headline for Wednesday 24 Mar 2021: Bright spells and wintry showers, becoming frequent, heavier during afternoon. Snow above 600m. Very cold and windy on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 24 Mar 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Light snow showers	Sunny intervals	Heavy snow	Light snow	Light snow
Precipitation probability					
30%	20%	20%	50%	30%	20%

Forecast for Wednesday 24 Mar 2021

Weather: Mainly dry, bright morning with sunny spells and a few wintry showers. A band of more frequent and heavier showers will cross all parts later in afternoon and early evening with snow above about 600m and lightning can't be ruled out.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70% reducing 30% later in afternoon.

Visibility: Air will have great clarity resulting in very good visibility away from showers. There will be occasional cloud cover above about 700 to 800m. Later in the afternoon, the clouds will become more extensive and lowering, especially in west of area. Also patches of very poor visibility as wintry showers pass by.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	38/45 SW	35/43 SW	38/48 SW	43/55 SW	40/51 SW	35/45 SW	33/42 SW
900	38/44 SW	34/41 SW	36/47 SW	41/52 SW	38/49 SW	33/43 SW	31/40 SW
600	25/32 SW	25/32 SW	26/36 SW	29/41 SW	27/38 SW	23/33 SW	20/30 SW
300	9/32 SW	10/32 SW	12/35 SW	11/40 SW	11/37 SW	10/32 SW	8/29 SW
Glen	7/17 S	13/24 SW	14/29 SW	19/38 SW	16/32 SW	12/26 SW	10/24 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-3/-13	-2/-12	-2/-12	-2/-12	-2/-11	-2/-11	-2/-10
900	-2/-12	-2/-10	-1/-10	-1/-10	-1/-10	-1/-9	-1/-9
600	0/-7	1/-6	1/-6	1/-6	2/-5	1/-5	1/-5
300	2/-1	3/-1	4/1	3/-1	4/0	4/0	4/1
Glen	4/2	6/2	7/3	6/2	7/3	6/2	6/2
Freezing Level*	600m	600m	700m	700m	800m	800m	700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Winter-like conditions over higher ridges/summits. Strong winds and sub-zero temperatures making it feel bitterly cold.

Forecast for Thursday 25 Mar 2021

Weather: It will be a mainly dry, bright morning with just a few light showers. The showers will become more frequent and heavier during the afternoon, especially over hills in west of area. Showers falling as rain at most levels with snow confined to highest tops.

Maximum wind: Gale force southwest winds on the tops, average speeds of 30 to 40mph and gusts 50 to 60mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70% reducing 40%, best in east during afternoon.

Visibility: Very good away from any showers so with occasional cloud cover about 700m. Clouds will become more extensive during the afternoon and evening with patches of poor visibility as showers pass by.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 Celsius rising to 9 Celsius.
At 800m: Zero Celsius rising to plus 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: 800m rising to 1200m.

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